

GRANITE CUTTERS STRUCK MONDAY

Manufacturers and Workmen Fail
to Agree after Many Con-
ferences.

ABOUT 5,000 MEN AFFECTED

Big Meeting at Barre Unanimous for
Strike—Other Towns Involved—
One-Year Agreement at Old
Mill of Prices Declined
by the Firms.

Montpelier, March 4.—The old bill of
prices, under which the granite cutters
of Washington county have been work-
ing for five years, expired at midnight
Saturday and as the manufacturers and
cutters have been unable after weeks
of almost nightly conferences to reach
an agreement satisfactory to all, a
strike has been declared and the
sheds in Montpelier, Barre and North-
field and surrounding towns will not open
for business to-morrow morning.

The stone cutters and manufacturers
both held final and separate meetings
in Barre last evening. After consider-
ing for two hours the propositions made
by the manufacturers, the latter cutters
who were crowded into the opera house
voted, without a dissenting voice, not to
go to work Monday morning. The
cutters in Montpelier and other places
in Washington county will stand with
them.

About 5,000 men will be affected. It is
possible some sheds in the other two
counties will be opened to-morrow morning to
take up work on hand but the duration of
the strike no man can say to-day.

The manufacturers have offered a one-
year agreement at the same rate of wages
as the old bill, but the cutters could not
accept the demand of the cutters
in the present condition of business
throughout the country, and are willing
to close indefinitely rather than con-
sider them. Under the old bill, cutters
were receiving a minimum wage of \$12
per hour and in all the conferences that
have been held they have demanded after-
noon, a minimum wage of \$15.

The manufacturers contended that they
were willing to pay the men weekly,
whether or not they were working for
separations, and were willing to con-
tract for three months at the old rate
of prices. The cutters were willing to
take the wages under which they have
been working for one year but the
manufacturers steadily declined to con-
tract for a shorter period than three
years in as much as if they did sign an
agreement, the strike would have to be
gone through with again next February.

FAIRFAX FARMER'S LOSS.

Fire Destroys House and One Barn of
Lucien Caswell.

Fairfax, March 4.—Fire destroyed the
farm house and horse barn of Lucien
Caswell at noon yesterday causing a loss
of over \$15,000. The insurance on all the
buildings was \$15,000, but the largest barn
was saved. The fire caught in the attic
of the house from a defective chimney
and only a heated was saved from
the upper floors. On the first floor
the household furnishings were not out
with the aid of neighbors who responded

ITCHING ECZEMA FIFTY-FIVE YEARS

Suffered Torments from Birth—
Boils Formed as Big as Walnuts
—In Frightful Condition and Could
Hardly Work—Tried All Kinds of
Remedies to No Avail—At Last

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MONTHS BY CUTICURA

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am now a man fifty-five years old. I
tried all kinds of medicines I heard of,
but found no relief. At last my blood
was so bad that I broke out all over
with red and white boils, which kept
growing until they were as big as wal-
nuts, causing great pain and misery. I
thought they would take the skin off
my whole body, but I kept from scratch-
ing as well as I could. I was so run
down that I could hardly do my work.
Mr. Nelson R. Burnett recommended
the use of Cuticura Remedies, telling
me he was confident they would benefit
me in time. I used the Cuticura Soap,
Gentle Ointment, Resolvent, and Pills
for about eight months, and I can
truthfully say I am cured. I cordially
recommend Cuticura Remedies to all
who are afflicted the same as I was, be-
lieving that, if they will use them
according to directions, they will find
them all they are represented to be.
Any one doubting the truth of the above
can write to Mr. Burnett, who will cheer-
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Corners, Tipton, Ia., Aug. 17, 1907.

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Nelson R. Burnett, Tipton, Ia."

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to the call for help by telephone.

The Caswell farm is six miles from
Fairfax on the St. Albans road. Mr.
and Mrs. Caswell lived there alone. They
are now at the home of their son-in-law,
Mr. Craft.

ENOSBURGH VOTES TO EXEMPT NEW INDUSTRY.

Enosburgh Falls, March 4.—At a special
town meeting held here this afternoon
it was unanimously voted to exempt
the Federal Packing company from
taxation for ten years from the beginning
of business. The meeting was one of the
most largely attended of years, particu-
larly every voter being present.

GOVERNOR IN WASHINGTON.

Washington, March 4.—Governor Proctor
and son, Robert, visited J. C. Mc-
Cullough and wife, who are visiting in Wash-
ington. Senator Proctor is slightly ill
from cold and influenza.

GRANITE WORK AT STAND STILL

Complete Suspension of Industry
at Barre and 4,500 Men
Are Idle.

ARBITRATION IS REJECTED

Manufacturers Asked to Have Quar-
ters in Dispute Referred to Inter-
national Executive Committee—
Strike Pay Will Not Be-
gin This Week.

Barre, March 4.—Because of the failure
of negotiations for a new labor agree-
ment, to take the place of the old one
which expired Saturday night at mid-
night, the entire granite industry of
Barre and Washington county was tied
up to-day. 4,500 workmen began a "vacat-
ion" and two hundred plants are idle.
The last two conditions are, but a
preliminary.

Heretofore, with the simple exception
of the disastrous suspension of the man-
ufacturing of 1892, the granite industry
has been able to patch up their differ-
ences in short order when the
real crisis came. The "big trouble" lasted
from the first of May to early fall, and
the lightning effects were felt for a long
time. Since then, no suspension has
continued longer than a week, and there
have been very few occasions when it
became necessary to resort to sus-
pension.

The granite cutters' union met at
an opera house at ten o'clock this
morning, and the first business of the
meeting was the choice of a dispute
committee. The term of office of the
committee expired March 3.

The choice of the new committee
took up nearly all the time of the
meeting from ten o'clock to 1:30 this
morning. The following had been
nominated: Richard Spring, Amos
Crane, James Crickbank, Alex.
Frondeau and James McAdams.

Four of the members of the old
committee, Alex. Crickbank, A. M.
Smith, D. J. Sullivan and John Chav-
ers, being officers of the union,
were not eligible to election to this
new committee.

The proposition of the manufactur-
ers to refer the matter up to the in-
ternational executive committee for
settlement was rejected by a unani-
mous vote.

CUTTERS' OFFICIAL ROSTER.

The last official roster of granite cutters
in the unions affected showed a total
of 4,724, divided as follows:
Barre 170
Montpelier 542
Northfield also polisher 123
Williamstown 61
East Ferrisburgh 62
South Ferrisburgh 21
Waterbury all unions 48
Morrisville 12
Then there are the allied unions. Barre
tool sharpeners numbered 125, polishers
125, humpers, boxers and derrickmen ap-
proximately the same, steam engineers
60, quarry workers 150. In the other
communities there is also the same pro-
portion of workers in these allied
branches (except quarrying) as in the
granite cutters' unions. As will be noted,

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brought on in my case by too much
heavy lifting. For some eight years
I was subject to a dull pain across my
back in the region of the kidneys and
sharp pains when I made any un-
usual effort. On the morning of my back
I had headache and at times my vision
would be blurred. These kidney weak-
nesses got on and my condition became
very unpleasant. I consulted a doctor,
I heard so much about Doan's Kidney
Pills that I went to the drug store for
a box. I took the remedy and not long
after I was cured. I should not have
continued to lift, but it was the pain in
my back were soon relieved. The
Doan's Kidney Pills are a great relief
to their natural condition. I have already
spoken to many of my friends about
Doan's Kidney Pills and small contents
are in my pocket for my kidney trouble
and backache."

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Remember the name—Doan's—and take
no other.

For the greater majority are in the
Barre and other towns where granite
is the principal industry here.

Under the circumstances, depression
of the granite industry is not surpris-
ing. The granite industry has been
quite so many times in the past. At the
present time as would ordinarily be the
case at this period of the year. Then, too,
orders received by manufacturers during
the past few months have been taking
with the maximum of a disbursement
in mind, and the contractors have been
rushed during the last few weeks, so
that work and progress of construction
has been placed up under that usual
and shipment.

There has been an increase of bitter-
ness in the negotiations thus far con-
ducted. On the contrary, the confer-
ences have been dominated by remark-
ably good faith when the gravity of the
affair is taken into consideration.

STRIKE PAY SO CALLED.

There seems to be a public misunder-
standing of the so-called strike-pay.
The international unions have large
funds in their treasuries to meet the
need of the men when strikes are called.
But there has been no strike called in
Barre yet, and as it may seem to the
uninformed in this affair, a
suspension of work has been voted be-
cause there is no working agreement.
Strike-pay does not begin until a week
after work is suspended, and formal ratifi-
cation of the suspension of work has been
taken by the international officers.
Strike-pay is one dollar per day for each
union man in good standing.

RHODE ISLAND MEN STRIKE.

Proton, March 4.—With the cutters,
quarrymen and others employed in the
granite industry near Barre, Western,
Rhode Island, was affected by a suspension
of work today, due to a failure of the
union and employers to reach a new
working agreement. The union has
refused to replace that which governed the in-
dustry up to Saturday. The union in
Western asked for a minimum compen-
sation of 40 cents an hour, in place of
the 35 cents which they received under
the old agreement. But a hundred
quarrymen and about 100 men
blacksmiths employed in the granite in-
dustry also struck today for an in-
crease in wages.

APPEAL FOR KURN HATTIN

Six Thousand Dollars Must Be Raised
or Work of 10 Years Will Be
Lost by Fire

Bellows Falls, March 4.—The people
in this vicinity are rallying to the aid
of the Kurn Hattin boys who were
burned out at Westminister Friday
afternoon when the main building was
destroyed. Several benefits are al-
ready being arranged and special col-
lections were taken in most of the
churches yesterday. The churches are
so issued appeals to the members for
clothing and food and the people are
responding freely.

The future of the homes depends on
the liberality of the friends of the
public everywhere. The people are
everywhere generous to the ap-
peals which have been made. Con-
tributions of food, clothing and money
may be sent to the treasurer, E. L.
Walker, Bellows Falls.

The loss is over \$15,000. The build-
ing was old, but repairs to the amount
of \$8,000 had been completed since
last summer. The insurance was only
\$2,000. Thus the school suffers an
actual loss of about \$13,000.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT TILL FIRE.

For the first time in its history the
school was out of debt and the prospects
for the future were very bright. The
new school building has just been erected
at a cost of \$10,000. This was saved and
as soon as possible the rooms in this build-
ing will be fixed up for as many of the
boys as possible. The boys are now
being cared for at the town hall in
Westminister, at the Harriet Warner
home in Hattin River and by families
in this place and in Walpole and West-
minister. The boys and the teachers in
the homes all have everything except what
they had on their backs.

Unless the public rallies to their aid
at once the homes will have to be given
up until money can be raised and the
work of ten years will be lost. The
treasurer, E. L. Walker, at the homes
will be continued if possible and the work
will be carried on until the boys are
able to stand.

A benefit dance is to be given in Wal-
pole tonight with the intention of the
committee in charge. The Grange of this
place is arranging for a ball Friday
night. All of the money on hand is being
contributed to the cause. At a
union temperance meeting last night a
collection of large proportions was taken
up for the homes. Other towns in the
vicinity are also planning benefits.

JUDGMENTS REVERSED BY SUPREME COURT.

Attorney Allowed Interest on Unpaid
Fees in Washington County Case—
Other Decisions.

Montpelier, March 4.—Before the judges
of the supreme court who were in ses-
sion here several days, went to their
homes yesterday they authorized sev-
eral entries on the supreme court docket
in cases which they disposed of during
the week. In the Washington county
case of T. R. Gordon vs. Silas O. Mead
of Morrisville, the judgment of the lower
court is reversed and there is a judg-
ment for the plaintiff for \$125. This
case involves the question whether an at-
torney can charge interest on unpaid fees.
The lower court ruled against this propo-
sition but the amount allowed by the
supreme court is for the principal sum
plus interest on the yearly balance
of accounts.

In the Chittenden county case of Della
M. McFarlane, administratrix, vs. the
Boston & Maine railroad, the judgment
of the lower court on a verdict for the
plaintiff to recover \$250 is affirmed. The
Chittenden county case of Emerson
French vs. Charles A. Watson, in which
a foreclosure is involved, the decree of
the county court is affirmed with costs.



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and the cause is remanded.

G. O. Starr vs. T. L. Tupper, from Franklin county, the verdict for the lower court for the plaintiff to recover the face value of a check with interest is reversed and the cause is remanded.

In the Orleans county hearing case of State vs. Julia Sartwell, the judgment of the county court is affirmed.

The supreme court reversed the judgment on a verdict for \$10 for the plaintiff in the Rutland county case of the Goodyear Metallic Rubber Shoe vs. Jos. E. Baker's estate. H. O. Chamberlain, administrator. This was an appeal from the commissioners.

In the Orange county case of Charles H. Hadden vs. George Edwards, in which the plaintiff was awarded a verdict of \$200 damages and costs, the judgment of the lower court is reversed and the cause remanded.

A disposition was also made of the paper case of the town of Morrisville vs. the town of Hardwick in which in the lower court there was a judgment for the plaintiff town. The burial of a hamper in the town of Morrisville who was a town charge in Hardwick was involved. The supreme court reversed the judgment for the plaintiff and gave judgment for the defendant town to recover his costs.

POULTRY SHOW ASSURED.

January 19, 1909, Date Selected—Officers Elected at St. Albans.

St. Albans, March 4.—The next show of the Vermont State Poultry association will be held in this city in January, 1909. The association will be a four-day affair, beginning Tuesday, January 19, and running through to Friday inclusive. The meeting tonight was the adjourned annual, and there were the largest number of poultry fanciers present and the most

WATERBURY HOLDS VILLAGE MEETING.

Waterbury, March 4.—The annual meeting of the village of Waterbury was held this evening and the following officers were elected: President, C. C. Graves; first trustee, O. L. Ayer; second trustee, W. H. Burden; village clerk, James K. Fullerton; treasurer, E. E. Joann; collector of taxes, G. S. Hildall; auditors, Harry D. Brown, L. C. Moody, Frank L. Knight, chief engineer, Otto Knapp, water commissioner for three years, Charles Keene. It was voted that a tax of fifty cents on dollar should be raised.

Only three of Rutland's 14 most mar-
kets have been found comparatively
clean by the health officer. In the other
11 were dirty corners and most others
were in a filthy condition. The inspection
was ordered by the board of health and
the proprietors notified of the law
which specifies thorough cleanliness.

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take the place of a
Dresser and get more drawer
room.

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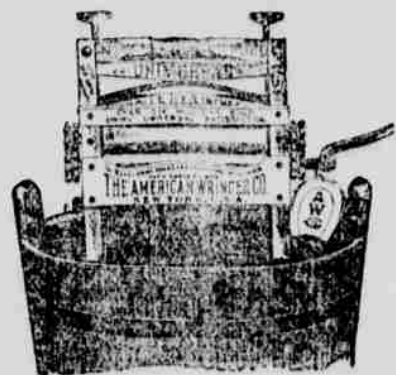
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